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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2001, be extended for a period of 4 month(s) from August 1, 2002, up to and including December 1, 2002.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$1,440.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds up Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 8907-087-999). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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